

Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: January 21, 2003

To: Community Development Committee
Referral to: Ways & Means / Budget Committee

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Approved by: Robert D. Miller, Director _____

Subject: Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan Modification #9

Summary of the Request: Approve modification of the Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan that creates a new strategy to fund bicycle-related physical improvements and reallocates \$546,375.16 between existing plan strategies.

Recommendation:

- (1) Approve the Sheridan NRP Action Plan Modification #9 (attached to this report) creating a new strategy to fund bicycle-related physical improvements and authorizing reallocation of \$546,375.16 between existing plan strategies;
- (2) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;

Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

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The Honorable Lisa Goodman, Chair
Community Development Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

The Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Minneapolis City Council
315 City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Re: Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan Modification #9

Dear Chairpersons Goodman and Johnson:

At its meeting on December 23, 2002 the Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board approved modifications to the Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan.

The Policy Board adopted the Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan on January 26, 1998. City Council adoption was on February 20, 1998. The modifications revise an existing plan strategy, create a new strategy, and reallocate \$546,375.16 (27%) of the neighborhood's NRP allocation between existing plan strategies. The modifications do not change the percent allocated to housing – currently 77.5%.

The Sheridan NRP Plan, as originally approved, emphasized demolishing old homes and decreasing density. The Sheridan Neighborhood Organization's (SNO) modifications shift funds toward helping residents improve existing homes. The modifications end the never-used Purchase/Demolition and Duplex Conversion Programs, as well as the under-used Cop-On-Every-Block Program. Funds would be reallocated to the Deferred Loan/Grant Program, the Owner-Occupied Revolving Loan Program, and to a modified Down-payment Assistance Program aimed at increasing housing affordability in the neighborhood. Finally, SNO shifts \$10,000 from the \$30,000 allocated for Block Club Equipment to a new strategy aimed at supporting bicycling in the neighborhood.

In accordance with NRP policy, City Council approval is needed because these modifications reallocate more than 25% of the neighborhood's NRP allocation and create a new strategy.

On December 23, 2002 the Policy Board passed the following resolution:

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RESOLVED: That in accordance with the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Policy Board (Board) policy on "Changing Approved Action Plan and Early Access Requests" policy (approved by the NRP Policy Board on June 6, 1994 and amended on September 5, 1995) the Board hereby approves the Director's recommendation to create a new strategy in the approved Sheridan Neighborhood Action Plan to fund bicycle-related physical improvements and authorizes the reallocation of \$546,375.16 between existing plan strategies as requested by the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization in its letter of November 17, 2002; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board hereby authorizes the Director to: 1) request that the City Council and the Mayor authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement the activities described in this report and 2) further request that the MCDA Board of Commissioners authorize the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement the activities above.

Pursuant to this resolution, I make the following recommendations for consideration by your committees:

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Approve the Sheridan NRP Action Plan Modification #9 (attached to this report) creating a new strategy to fund bicycle-related physical improvements and authorizing reallocation of \$546,375.16 between existing plan strategies;
- (2) Authorize the appropriate City officers to enter into any contracts or agreements needed to implement this request;
- (3) Refer this report to the MCDA Board of Commissioners for authorization of the appropriate MCDA officers to enter into any contracts or agreements necessary to implement this request.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Miller
Director